(b) if so, by when it is expected to supply water to Mayur Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) Ganga water is being supplied in Mayur Vihar, Ph. I, Pockets I, II & III. In the rest of the area, Ganga water will be supplied in Phases depending on sanction of bulk connection by the MCD.

Lease hold system in Chandigarh

*338. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a regular demand for converting the lease-hold system to free hold system in Chandigarh;

(b) if so, what has been the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) The question of converting the lease hold system in Chandigarh into free hold has been examined. Government feels that taking such a long term policy decision during the present transitional stage will not be appropriate.

Blasting of shivalik Hills

*339. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the name of development the barren Shivalik hills are being ruthlessly blasted by some persons for extracting limestone;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against the persons extracting stones from those hills in order to save the ecological balance; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) Cases of unscientific mining were reported in the past in the Dehradun-Mussoorie area. The Central Government had appointed a Working Group to go into the question of mining in the Dehradun-Mussoorie area. While the report was under consideration, the Rural Litigation and Entitlement Kendra filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court. Under the directions of the Supreme Court, mining in the Dehradun-Mussoorie area has completely stopped but for a few mines. The Central Government have amended the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, to provide for the premature termination of mining leases on ground of ecology and environment. Provision has also been made that no mining lease can be granted without a mining plan. Environment management plan would be a component of mining plan.

Import of Lentils by NCCF

*340. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether tht NCCF had entered into an agreement with a Vienna-based firm for import of 5,000 M. Tonnes of Turkish Lentils in 1984;

(b) whether the foreign seller had provided any Bank security to the NCCF Guaranteeing the shipment of the consignment;

(c) whether the above seller had actually shipped the consignment to the NCCF; and

(d) if so, what were the profits earned thereon by the NCCF and if not, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.